

The Very Frustrated Monster - Ideas and Activities

Title: *The Very Frustrated Monster* by Andi Green

Grade Level: _____

CCSS: _____

(CCSS recommendations found on pg 5)

Pre-reading:

Objective: Discuss what makes people “frustrated” and why they become grumpy.

Lesson 1:

- 1) Predict what will happen.
 - Based on the title and cover, what do you think this book will be about?
- 2) Vocabulary: Review the following new words:
 - frustrated, fuss, brim, pressure, flushed, bristled, brewed, overwhelmed, scurried, monstrous, awry, spoil

Reading/Post-Reading

- 3) Read the book slowly with the entire group.
- 4) Questions to think about (can be done during any of the three lessons):
 - Why do you think the author wrote this story?
 - What is the moral of the story?
 - How do you relate to the main character’s problem?
- 5) Talk about the story.
 - Give some examples of what frustrated Twitch.
 - Why do you think that the main character is called Twitch?
Hint: look at the drawings!
 - Why did Twitch’s friends avoid him?
 - What did Twitch learn from the squirrel?

Tiff Tip:

Pretend you are frustrated because you lost this book before class. Have the students describe your reaction.

Lesson 2:

- 1) Choose a 2nd reading style. Use plastic telephones, finger pointers, or partner read.
 - Word work- “ed” Word Hunt: With a partner, make a list of all the words you find ending in “ed” and then make a list of words to which you can add “ed.”
 - Use a Chain Reaction paper to organize all the events that made Twitch lose his temper and ruin his day.

Lesson 3:

- 1) Choose a new reading partner or silently read the book.
- 2) Have students team up and create a short skit about a frustrating day.
- 3) Reader’s Personal Response Questions:
 - What does it mean to be frustrated?
 - When was the last time you were frustrated by things that happened to you?
 - Were you able to turn your day around? Was the next day better? How did you feel?
 - Have you ever been frustrated? How did you feel? How did you react? Did it help?
 - How do you know Twitch worked through his frustrations and was able to change his attitude?
 - If you were Twitch, what would have frustrated you the most?

NOTES/COMMENTS

Chain

Reaction

